

Meeting Minutes –

April 29, 2007 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 6:01pm. Roll call was performed:

Present

Kevin Heiland (Central York)	Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)
Albert Hoffman (Dallastown)	Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)	Steve Marshner (Susquehannock)
Rhonda Bauriedl (New Oxford)	Marcus Sweitzer (West York)
Dave Reeder (Northern)	Nick Hendler (York Suburban)
Joe Daschler (Red Lion)	
TJ Buchanan (South Western)	<u>Guest</u>
John Moore (South Western)	Jesse James (York Suburban)

Excused Absence

Jeff Prenger (South Eastern)

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the March meeting. Guy Muller made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Rhonda Bauriedl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. **Laxfest 2007** – Jesse James was present to share details on behalf of the EYARC. He passed out a sheet that showed a breakdown of games and teams.
 1. **Breakdown of teams** – Like last year, teams will be divided into North vs. South. North teams will include players from New Oxford, Northern, Red Lion, South Eastern, Susquehannock, West York and Shooting Irish. South will include Central York, Dallastown, Eastern York, South Western, Spring Grove and York Suburban. Each game will consist of 50 players, 25 per side. The group reviewed the numbers of players from each club at each level to make up the necessary number.
 2. **Costs** – Costs are \$21 per player, which includes a mesh jersey and t-shirt for each competitor as well as \$1/player for referee fees.
 3. **Game operations** – Games will be fit into 1-hour time slots with 2 20 minute halves, running clock.
 4. **Game schedule** – 9am-JV game; 10am-HS all-stars (grades 9-11); 11am-Senior game (all seniors are invited); 12pm-U15; 1pm-U13; 2pm-U11; 3pm-U9; 4pm-Coaches' game (Coaches will be asked to pay a \$10 fee.)
 5. **Player Entries** – Coaches should email Jesse James (pajames1@comcast.net) with their player selections no later than May 8. Teams sending 4 players should select 1 attack, 2 middies and 1 defender; if sending 5 players: 1A, 2M, 1D and 1 goal; if 6 players: 2A, 2M and 2D; if 7 players: 2A, 2M, 2D and goalie. Any team with a goalie worthy of consideration should inform Jesse they're also bringing a goalie in addition to their allotted number. Coaches should also give Jesse a count of players who will be participating in the Senior Game.
 6. **Additional information** – A handout with all of the above information, plus more details will be emailed in the next week.
 - b. **Summer select teams** – Teams have been selected for U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19. Jesse James provided an overview of the youth teams. TJ Buchanan provided details for the high school teams.
 1. **U11** – Team is comprised of 25 players and will play 3 tournaments in June (LaxSplash, BeachFest and Cockeyville Invitational). Nick Hendler is the head coach.
 2. **U13** – Roster includes 35 players as not all players are able to make each tournament. Team will play in 4 tournaments (LaxSplash, BeachFest, Cockeyville and Beach Get-away).
 3. **U15** – Roster is 24 players after cuts were made. Team will participate in 6 events in June/July (LaxSplash, BeachFest, Cockeyville, Summer Sizzle, Chocolatetown Shootout and Keystone)
 4. **U17** – 18 players after cuts will play in 3 summer tournaments (Lehigh Laxfest, Heroes Tournament and Champ Camp), plus a couple fall events.
 5. **U19** – 22 players after cuts will play in 3 summer tournaments (Heroes, Champ Camp and Keystone), plus a couple fall events.
 - c. **Post-season tournaments** – Dave Reeder and Dan Wilmot reviewed projected plans for U13, U15 and JV tournaments.
 1. **U13** – Nine teams will compete in a two-day tournament. Each day will include 3 pools of 3 teams each. Plans are for Day 1 to be held at one site on Saturday, May 12. Teams will be randomly paired and play round-robin against others in the pool. The second day is planned for Tuesday, May 15. Winners of each Day 1 pool will travel to one site for another round-robin set of games. Likewise for 2nd place and 3rd place teams from Day 1's pools.
 2. **U15** – Ten teams will compete in a single elimination bracket. Two first round games will be played on Saturday, May 12. Quarterfinal games will be on Monday, May 14; semifinals on

- Wednesday, May 16 and the championship game will be Friday, May 18. Attempts will be made to schedule doubleheaders on the weeknights, possibly in conjunction with JV games.
3. **JV** - Ten teams will compete in a single elimination bracket. Two first round games will be played on Saturday, May 12. Quarterfinal games will be on Monday, May 14; semifinals on Wednesday, May 16 and the championship game will be Friday, May 18. Attempts will be made to schedule doubleheaders on the weeknights, possibly in conjunction with U15 games.
 4. **Varsity** – TJ Buchanan confirmed varsity will be a Final Four format with semifinal games on Tuesday, May 15 at the two higher seeds, and consolation and championship games on Thursday, May 17 at higher seeds. Bob Rhein shared with the group the Championship Trophy he purchased with proceeds from the World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game. On behalf of the HS coaches, TJ formally thanked Bob for his thoughts and efforts.
- d. **CPSLA Playoffs** –
1. The CPSLA has provided no updates to the varsity brackets that were distributed last month. Because the brackets included New Oxford, which is no longer eligible because their roster includes players from outside the school district, the brackets appear to need amendments, but the CPSLA insists no adjustments will be made.
 2. Dan Wilmot contacted clubs eligible for a club playoff. To date, he has received commitments from Spring Grove, State College, York Suburban and Susquehannock. He's still waiting to hear from Northern, Central Susquehanna, Bishop McDevitt and Dallastown.
- e. **Player Participation updates** - Bob Rhein provided updates based on the Club Profiles he received. For the first time in its history, the YCLA surpassed the 1,000 mark for boys and there are over 1,600 boys and girls participating in the county.
- f. **YAIAA update** – Bob Rhein reported on the meeting he was invited to attend with the Lacrosse Subcommittee of the YAIAA athletic directors. Bob was encouraged at the approach the AD's have taken, who want to do what is necessary to make sure there's boys and girls lacrosse in the YAIAA in 2009. Initial discussions about costs were \$35,000-40,000 to fully fund both a boys and girls program of 40 players each (V & JV). Later newspaper reports had the estimates in excess of \$50,000. The AD's greatest concerns are the costs and availability of officials. Currently, there are only 14 CPLOA officials who live in York County. Moreover, the AD's are not willing to pay the current rate lacrosse officials receive. Bob was involved in establishing a meeting between the AD's and leaders in the officials groups. Clubs were encouraged to establish/maintain dialogue with their schools' administrations as the AD's will be reporting back to their Principals, Superintendents and/or School Boards in the upcoming months.
3. **New Business**
- a. **Fall Youth League** – Nick Hendler proposed forming a sub-committee to explore the possibility of a fall league for youth players. He recommends pooling players from all clubs and forming 4-6 teams for an abbreviated schedule. Bob asked Nick to email him with his proposal and Bob will forward to clubs for their review and responses.
 - b. **U13 contact** – John Moore asked for clarification about the contact rule at the U13 level. Bob explained that body contact is allowed at U13, though take out checks are prohibited.
 - c. **WLRLG** – Next year's World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game has been scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Clubs were asked to put it on their schedules.
 - d. **New officers** – Bob reminded members that elections for new officers will be held in July. If members are interested in assuming a leadership role, or if they know of others in their clubs that might have an interest, Bob asked that they consider an officer's post. Currently, two people fill four posts.
 - e. **US Lacrosse Code of Conduct** – In light of a large number of issues between clubs at all levels, Bob distributed the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct. He urged members to share it with all people in their clubs and reminded everyone that we are here for the players.
 - f. **Player eligibility** – Dan Wilmot was asked to make the Board aware of a potential eligibility issue with one of the HS club teams. A player, who should be a senior in high school but is no longer enrolled, has been playing all year for one of the independent club teams. According to the CPSLA by-laws, each player is to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing at a high school. However, the by-laws also refer to a certification process that has not been followed by any club. It was determined that the YCLA does not have authority over individual clubs in this area.
4. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for May 20th at 6:00pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.